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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit the present Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98. The present Information Disclosure Statement is hereby requested to be entered in the record of the above-identified application by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). The PTO is further requested to consider each of the documents listed on the enclosed FORM PTO-1449, and to indicate such consideration by initialing each citation thereon.

The FORM PTO-1449 includes a section entitled OTHER DOCUMENTS which contains the following citations:

Fiskars, "PowerGear Bypass Pruner", The Home Depot, before May 20, 2003 (approximately February 2003), enlargement of illustration (the "Fiskars I document").

Fiskars, "Ergonomics, The Development of Vineyard Cutting Tools", August 29, 2003 (the "Fiskars II document").

The Fiskars I document discloses a pruner appearing to have a rotating lower handle. Rotation of the lower handle appears to result when the upper and lower members are grasped by the hand of the user such that the fingers wrap around the outer surface of the lower member. Closure of the hand would appear to result in the fingers translating transversely across the lower handle causing rotation of the lower handle.

The Fiskars II document discloses a pruner which appears to be similar to the pruner disclosed in the Fiskars I document. The Fiskars II document, at page 2, states:

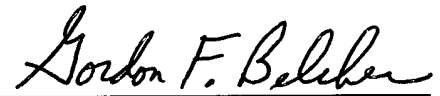
"A conical gear mechanism attaches the rotating lower handle to the upper handle. The handle rotates with the action of the fingers, thus preventing chafing. The unique design of the handle means a longer working motion of the index and middle fingers, minimizing the strain on the muscles of the fingers and hand."

Copies of the foregoing "Other Documents" are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. Patents identified on the FORM PTO-1449 are not enclosed because the present application was filed after June 30, 2003. ("Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003", USPTO,

Office of Patent Legal Administration, Pre-OG Notice, Stephen G. Kunin, Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy, July 11, 2003.)

The USPTO is requested to direct any questions or comments relating to the above-
identified application to Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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